



SITUATION REPORT #41

Prepared October 30, 2020
1700 Hours

HARDEE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	STATE OF FLORIDA REGION IV FEMA REGION IV	WEBEOC INCIDENT NAME: 2020 COVID-19
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GENERAL INFORMATION

EOC Activation Level: Level 2 – Partial Activation

Local State of Emergency:	Yes
Executive Order by Governor:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Order 20-51, Declaration of Public Health Emergency for the State of Florida • Executive Order 20-52, Declaration of State of Emergency • Executive Order 20-246, Assisting the transition to Phase 3 • Emergency Order- 20-011- in re COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

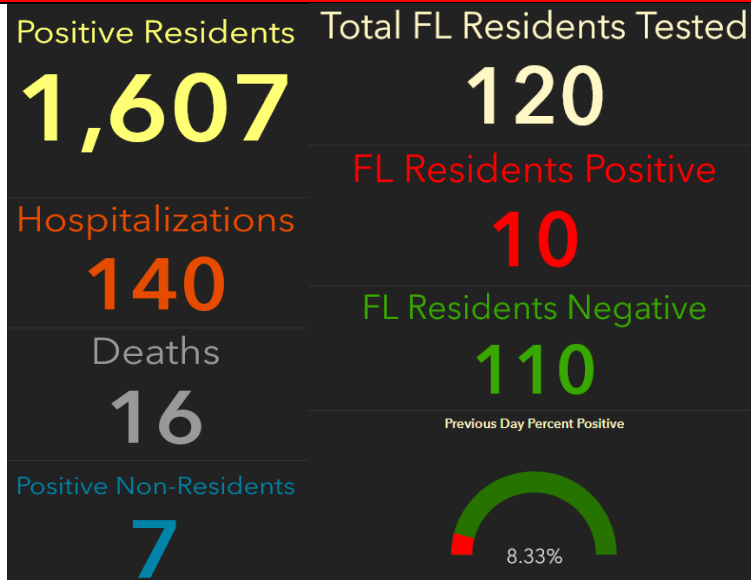
MEDIA INFORMATION

Florida Department of Health Primary Phone Number: 863-773-4161 (Available Mon-Fri; 8 am to 5 pm)	Florida Department of Health Call Center Phone: 866-779-6121 (Available 24/7) Email: COVID-19@flhealth.gov
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CURRENT OBJECTIVES

- Support DOH - Hardee efforts
- Staff and operate Hardee County EOC to Level 2 Partial Activation
- Identify critical supply needs
- Establish Unified Command
- Manage public messaging and communication with the residents and organization of Hardee
- Prepare for Hurricane/COVID sheltering and preparations

CURRENT STATUS





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The World Health Organization (WHO) has classified the outbreak as a *Pandemic and Worldwide Outbreak*.

Please visit Florida Department of Health website for recommended actions and guidelines
<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/need-to-know/index.html>

FEDERAL ACTIONS

President Donald Trump approves Major Disaster Declaration for Florida.

FEMA has authorized the Stafford Act Public Assistance Program's Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) for eligible applicants.

STATE ACTIONS

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is fully activated (Level 1) to support the Florida Department of Health's response.

Emergency Order 20-011, kids of all ages are now able to enter all long term care facilities to visit with loved ones. The limitation on visitors in a facility is now determined by the facility. If a resident has tested positive for COVID, outdoor visitation can occur.

COUNTY ACTIONS

Hardee County Board of County Commissioners: Declared a State of Local Emergency on March 19, 2020. The County has been a recipient of funds from the State of Florida through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package. The funding is restricted to COVID-19 eligible expenses. **For questions, send an email to HARDEECares@hardeecounty.net or call 863-773-6349.** For more information on the available grants [Click here](#)

Hardee County Emergency Management (EM): Coordinating with Department of Health in Hardee County and community partners and monitoring the situation as it develops. Participating in ongoing regional and state information-sharing calls. Pet Friendly Shelter applications and Special Needs shelter applications are available at the EOC office, Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm and via email, upon request. BinaxNOW Tests have been delivered to 5 Assisted Living Facilities and to the School Board in Hardee County. Supervisor of Elections received an allotment of hand sanitizer from the State to support voting in our County.



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Hardee County Communications: Sharing Department of Health messaging on social media and County website, in addition to, Hurricane Preparedness information. Hardee County BOCC is encouraging residents to sign up with Hardee Alert, if you have not done so already.

Hardee County Testing Florida Dept of Health in Hardee Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 10:30am and 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, by appointment only 863-773-4161. **(Friday is 8:30 am – 10:30 am only)**

Central Florida Health Care – Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Appointment only call 1-866-234-8534.

CVS Pharmacy - Wauchula Monday-Friday 9:20 am to 3:50 pm, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday 10 am to 2 pm by appointment only through CVS.com.

Florida Department of Health in Hardee County: Ongoing efforts to maintain surveillance and coordination throughout the county. Internal incident management team meetings daily. Ongoing communication to community partners and health and medical facilities. Public service announcements are being provided along with CDC and FLHEALTH links. We strongly encourage the community to follow CDC guidelines to continue slow the spread of COVID-19.

Hardee County School Board- The State of Florida delivered 18,500 adult masks and 3,500 youth masks to Hardee County School Board warehouse. Hardee County School Board now has a COVID-19 Dashboard. [Click Here for more details](#)

HOSPITALS

A bi-weekly conference call is conducted with the Florida Department of Health in Hardee County (DOH), Emergency Operations Center and Advent Health of Wauchula.

Hardee County is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 positive cases. The average age is 35. DOH is communicating with leadership around the County and increasing outreach.

Situation Reports are used during the monitoring of, response to, and recovery from an event. The information contained in this report provides Hardee County partners, both internally and externally, a common operating picture of the event. **Please contact laura.calvillo@hardeecounty.net for more information.**